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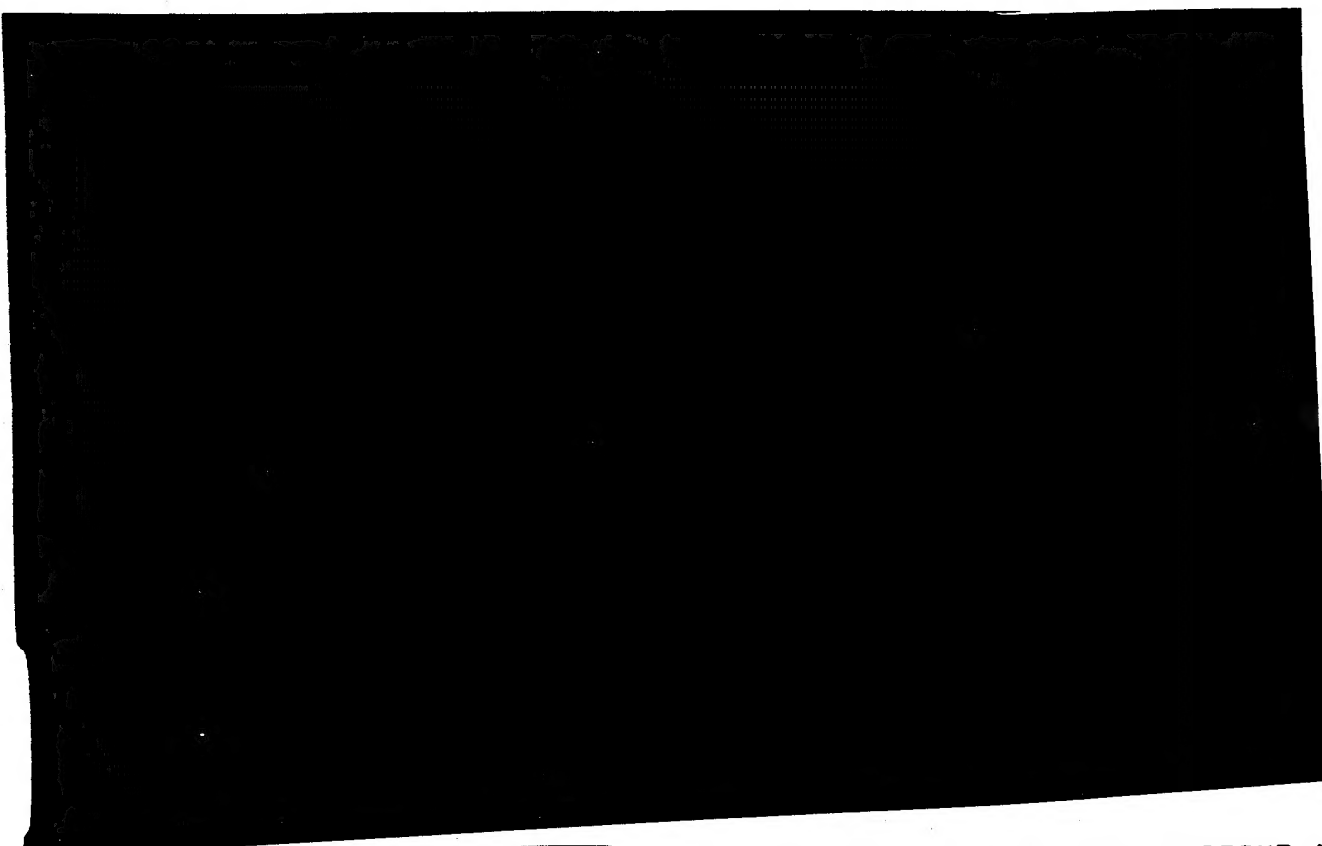
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2. EGYPT-LIBYA: [REDACTED] EGYPT AND LIBYA CONTINUE TO OBSERVE A DE  
 FACTO TRUCE, WHILE A PRISONER EXCHANGE REPORTEDLY IS BEING  
 NEGOTIATED, THERE ARE OTHER INDICATIONS THAT NEITHER SIDE IS  
 SERIOUSLY SEEKING A PERMANENT TRUCE. QADHAFI THUS FAR APPEARS  
 TO HAVE GAINED A GREAT DEAL OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL MILEAGE FROM

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THE CONFLICT WITH EGYPT. FOR THEIR PART, THE EGYPTIANS ARE  
CLEARLY KEEPING THEIR OPTIONS OPEN TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION AGAINST  
LIBYA.Y

██████████ //PRESIDENT QADHAFI STILL HAS NOT RESPONDED TO EGYPT'S  
UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF A CEASE-FIRE AND APPARENTLY INTENDS  
TO RESIST DOING SO.//Y

██████████ //THE EGYPTIANS REPORTEDLY BELIEVE THAT QADHAFI IS  
SIMPLY TRYING TO BUY TIME IN ORDER TO PREPARE THE LIBYAN PUB-  
LIC AND MILITARY FOR A RETALIATORY STRIKE AGAINST EGYPT. QADHAFI  
IS PROBABLY EQUALLY SUSPICIOUS OF THE EGYPTIANS; HE BELIEVES  
IN ANY CASE THAT HE HAS INTERNATIONAL SYMPATHY ON HIS SIDE  
AND THAT HE CAN WIN THE POLITICAL WAR, IF NOT THE MILITARY  
BATTLE.//Y

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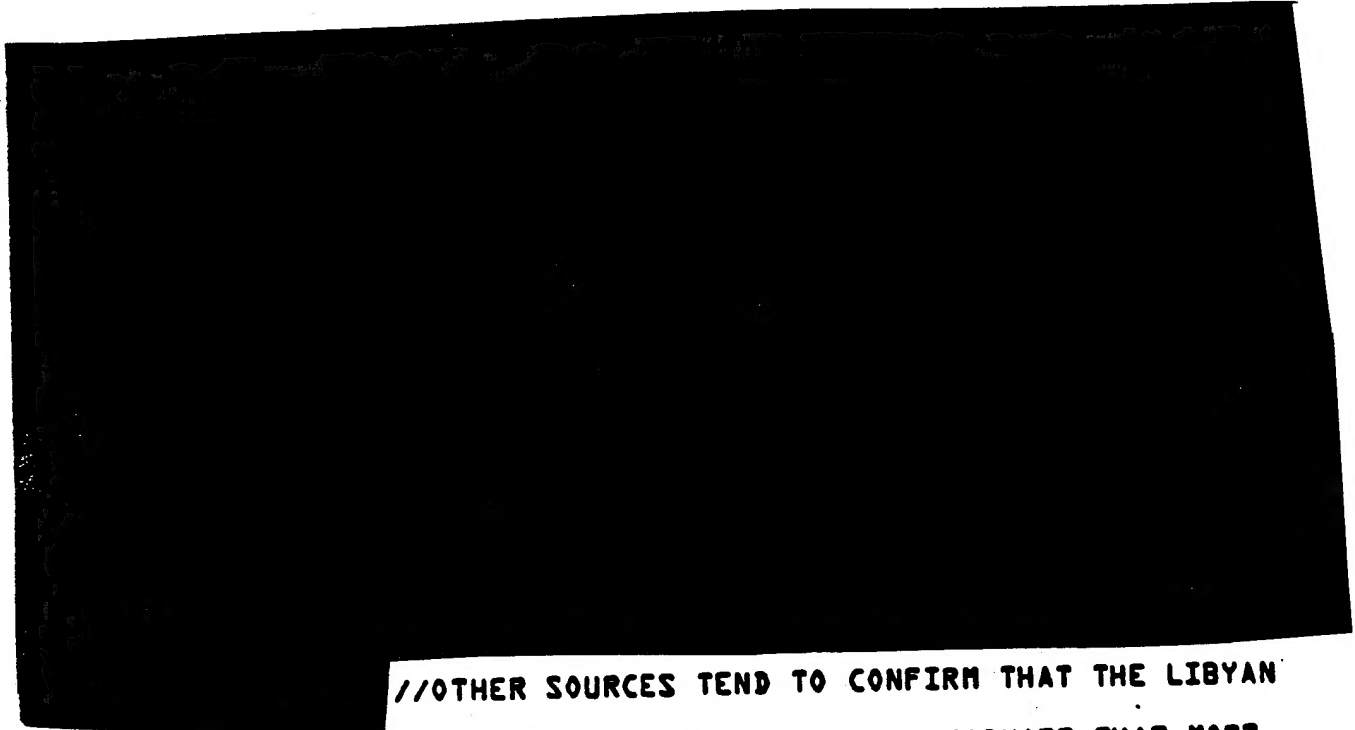
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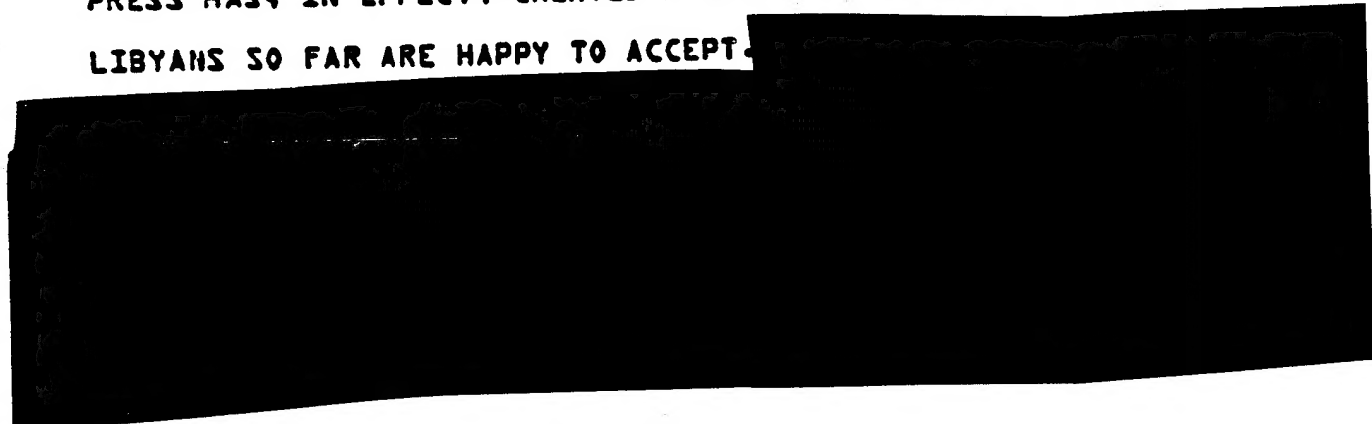
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//OTHER SOURCES TEND TO CONFIRM THAT THE LIBYAN  
 PRESS HAS, IN EFFECT, CREATED A VICTORY FOR QADHAFI THAT MOST  
 LIBYANS SO FAR ARE HAPPY TO ACCEPT.



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//WE DOUBT THAT QADHAFI WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP HIS PEOPLE FROM KNOWING THE EXTENT OF LIBYAN LOSSES FOR VERY LONG, ALTHOUGH THE LIBYANS HAVE IGNORED EGYPTIAN ACCOUNTS OF THE SITUATION AND HAVE LITTLE ACCESS TO OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES.//4

//THE LIBYAN PEOPLE ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE TOO CONCERNED ABOUT THE DAMAGE AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES THAT THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD WERE INFLICTED BY EGYPTIAN SURPRISE ATTACKS. THEY DID, HOWEVER, PROTEST THE HIGH CASUALTY RATE SUFFERED BY LIBYAN "PEACEKEEPING TROOPS" IN LEBANON LAST YEAR, AND THEIR CURRENT ENTHUSIASM MAY DAMPEN CONSIDERABLY AS NEWS OF CASUALTY FIGURES SPREADS. THE EGYPTIANS CLAIM THE LIBYANS LOST CLOSE TO 500 SOLDIERS, ALTHOUGH THIS FIGURE PROBABLY IS EXAGGERATED.4

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3. USSR-EGYPT-LIBYA: [REDACTED] IN THE FIRST OFFICIAL SOVIET RESPONSE TO THE FIGHTING BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA, SOVIET PRESIDENT AND PARTY LEADER BREZHNEV TEPIDLY REMARKED ON TUESDAY THAT HE HAD "RECEIVED WITH CONCERN" THE NEWS OF HOSTILITIES IN SOME AREAS OF AFRICA. TUESDAY'S **PRAVDA** ALSO CARRIED A STATEMENT BY THE SEMI-OFFICIAL SOVIET AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE THAT CAREFULLY CRITICIZED EGYPT'S MILITARY ACTIONS AGAINST LIBYA, BUT AVOIDED LABELING EGYPT AS THE AGGRESSOR. THESE STATEMENTS INDICATE THAT THE SOVIETS WANT TO AVOID ANY FURTHER DETERIORATION IN RELATIONS WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT.4

████████████████████ SINCE THE HOSTILITIES LAST WEEK BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA. SOVIET COMMENTARY HAS BEEN FAR LESS SUPPORTIVE OF LIB-

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